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Value of Idaho's 2015 Agricultural Production Totals \$7.77 Billion

The value of Idaho's 2015 agricultural production was \$7.77 billion, down 12 percent from the previous year's revised value of \$8.83 billion. The value of Idaho's crop production in 2015 was \$3.02 billion, down 8 percent from 2014. The value of livestock production in 2015 totaled \$4.75 billion, down 15 percent from the previous year.

Much of the decrease in the total value of production can be attributed to the 26 percent decrease in the value of milk production. Despite the decline, milk remains the leading agricultural commodity in the state with a 2015 value of \$2.36 billion. This is the lowest value of milk production since 2010. Milk represented 30 percent of the 2015 total agricultural value compared with 36 percent in 2014. Cattle and calves remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.69 billion dollars in 2015, down 1 percent from 2014. Potatoes ranked third in 2015, moving up one position from the previous year. Potato value of production in 2015 was \$913 million, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hay value of production was \$815 million, down 15 percent from 2014, dropping one spot to fourth in the state ranking. Wheat rounded out the top five with a value of \$449 million, down 23 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$6.22 billion, or 80 percent of the 2015 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2014 had a combined value of \$7.41 billion, or 84 percent of the total value. All of the top five commodities declined in value from 2014. Onions moved into the top ten in 2015, up from the eleventh rank in 2014. Trout, which held the tenth position in 2014, moved down one position in 2015.

There were commodities outside the top five that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. Barley production, with a value of \$330 million in 2015, increased 25 percent from the previous year. Hop value, at \$30.8 million, reached a record high in 2015. This was up 64 percent from the previous year. The value of apples, at \$15.0 million, increased 71 percent from the previous year. Seven of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year. Other notable commodities outside the top ten that declined in value in 2015 were dry edible peas, down 18 percent to \$9.38 million; peaches, down 25 percent to \$6.25 million; and canola, down 38 percent to \$6.05 million.

It should be noted that NASS periodically conducts a Census of Horticulture. The 2014 total value of horticultural specialty crops sold was \$67.4 million. This total value includes all floriculture, nursery, and Christmas tree production. For more information about this data that was released on December 14, 2015, you can access the complete 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties at https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online_Resources/Census_of_Horticulture_Specialties/

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Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Idaho: 2013-2015

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2015 / 2014
	2015	2014	2013	2014	2015	
			(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)
Milk ¹	1	1	2,578,752	3,204,663	2,357,038	-26.4
Cattle & Calves	2	2	1,384,324	1,706,207	1,688,405	-1.0
Potatoes	3	4	1,016,265	956,736	912,800	-4.6
Hay	4	3	943,808	961,080	814,980	-15.2
Wheat	5	5	731,620	582,170	449,467	-22.8
Barley	6	6	370,177	264,187	329,684	24.8
Sugarbeets ²	7	7	251,960	283,680	279,879	-1.3
Dry Edible Beans	8	8	80,811	73,557	70,011	-4.8
Corn for Grain	9	9	102,202	66,560	68,103	2.3
Onions, All	10	11	71,478	44,083	49,803	13.0
Value of crop production			3,672,142	3,268,076	3,020,561	-7.6
Value of livestock production.....			4,481,634	5,560,908	4,753,119	-14.5
Total value of production, all commodities.....			8,153,776	8,828,984	7,773,680	-12.0

¹ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.

² Value of Production for 2015 sugarbeets from Economic Research Service (ERS).

Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Idaho: 2014-2015

Item and unit	Rank among States		Idaho's production		Leading State
	2015	2014	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(units)	(percent)	
Field Crops					
Potatoes, fall..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	130,400	32.2	Idaho
Austrian winter peas..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	132	50.8	Idaho
Barley 1,000 bushels	2	1	56,260	25.8	North Dakota
Sugarbeets 1,000 tons	2	2	6,588	18.6	Minnesota
Wrinkled seed peas..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	154	40.1	Washington
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	1,596	27.1	Oregon
Hay, alfalfa..... 1,000 tons	2	3	4,200	7.1	California
Hops 1,000 pounds	3	3	8,725	11.1	Washington
Dry edible peas 1,000 cwt	4	4	700	3.8	North Dakota
Lentils 1,000 cwt	4	4	256	4.9	Montana
Spearmint oil..... 1,000 pounds	4	4	189	6.1	Washington
Onions, all summer 1,000 cwt	5	4	5,760	11.1	California
Dry edible beans 1,000 cwt	5	5	2,141	7.1	North Dakota
Wheat, spring..... 1,000 bushels	5	5	30,450	5.0	North Dakota
Canola 1,000 pounds	6	4	37,800	1.3	North Dakota
Corn, silage..... 1,000 tons	7	6	5,945	4.7	Wisconsin
Wheat, winter 1,000 bushels	7	8	58,220	4.2	Kansas
Wheat, all..... 1,000 bushels	9	6	89,370	4.3	North Dakota
Hay, all..... 1,000 tons	10	10	4,860	3.6	Texas
Haylage, all..... 1,000 tons	10	7	1,150	3.4	Wisconsin
Fruit Crops					
Prunes and plums tons	3	3	2,000	20.7	Oregon
Sweet cherries tons	5	5	1,810	0.5	Washington
Peaches..... tons	10	9	6,830	0.8	California
Apples, all tons	12	10	23,050	0.5	Washington
Livestock					
Trout, value of fish sold..... 1,000 dollars	1	1	49,362	47.3	Idaho
Cheese 1,000 pounds	3	3	941,683	8.0	Wisconsin
Milk million pounds	3	3	14,114	6.8	California
Milk cows head	4	4	579,000	6.3	California
Sheep and lambs head	6	7	260,000	4.8	Texas
Wool 1,000 pounds	8	7	1,650	6.1	California
Cattle and calves, all head	13	13	2,280,000	2.6	Texas
Honey 1,000 pounds	14	12	2,848	1.8	North Dakota